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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/698,415  
Applicants: Aline ABERGEL  
Filing Date: November 3, 2003  
For: PACKAGING A PRODUCT AND PACKAGING  
METHOD  
Group Art Unit: 3721  
Examiner: Weeks, G.

SIR:


Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Response to Restriction Requirement**

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed September 1, 2004, Applicant elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-18, with traverse.

The Restriction Requirement is traversed because no serious undue burden is required to examine all of the claims together. It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims relate to packaging of a product such as a cosmetic product, and no undue burden would be required in examining all claims together.

In addition, it is submitted that a number of the statements in the Office Action are not correct. For example, the Office Action indicates that "the process of Group II calls for a first and second opening, whereas the package of Group I is operable with only one opening." This statement is not understood as the first full paragraph of claim 1 (of Group I) recites a first opening and the last paragraph of claim 1 recites a second opening. Accordingly, the assertion that Group II calls for first and second openings but that such features are not present in Group I is in error. In addition, the Office Action refers to Group II omitting the


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limitation of an adhesive applied mirror, however, this feature is not required by claim 16, which recites that the articulation includes "one of" a sticker or an adhesive sheet.

Early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem that a personal or telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing this application to issue, he or she is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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